

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01302-RC**

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY v. NATIONAL  
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/06/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/06/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6104752) filed by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Declaration Rule 26 Certificate)(Snape, William) (Attachment 1 replaced on 5/7/2019) (zef, ). (Entered: 05/06/2019)
05/06/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. (zef, ) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/07/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zef, ) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/07/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/07/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Paulo Antonio Lopes on behalf of CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (Lopes, Paulo) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
06/07/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/14/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/13/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/14/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION served on 5/10/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Certificate of Service Attachment A)(Lopes, Paulo) (Entered: 06/07/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brian J. Field on behalf of All Defendants (Field, Brian) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>7</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (Field, Brian) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>7</u> motion for extension of time: it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall have up to and including July 24, 2019 to file an answer or otherwise respond to Plaintiff's complaint. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/1/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 7/24/2019. (tj) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/16/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Joshua L. Rogers on behalf of All Defendants (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 07/16/2019)
07/23/2019	<u>9</u>	ERRATA by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 07/23/2019)
07/23/2019	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 07/23/2019)
07/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>10</u> motion for extension of time: it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall have up to and including August 23, 2019 to file its answer or other response to Plaintiff's complaint. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/24/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/24/2019)
07/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 8/23/2019. (tj) (Entered: 07/24/2019)
08/23/2019	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.(Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 08/23/2019)

08/26/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before September 9, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/26/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 08/26/2019)
08/26/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 9/9/2019 (tj) (Entered: 08/26/2019)
09/06/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the parties' proposal in <u>12</u> their joint status report: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before October 9, 2019, unless by that time the parties have submitted a joint stipulation of dismissal. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 09/06/2019. (lcrc1) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/9/2019. (zkh) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
10/09/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 10/09/2019)
10/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before November 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/10/2019. (lcrc1) (Entered: 10/10/2019)
11/08/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Rogers, Joshua) (Entered: 11/08/2019)
11/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before December 8, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/12/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/12/2019)
12/06/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Chang, William) (Entered: 12/06/2019)
12/06/2019	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by William J. Chang on behalf of NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION Substituting for attorney JOSHUA ROGERS (Chang, William) (Entered: 12/06/2019)
12/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before January 22, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/6/2019. (lcrc1) (Entered: 12/06/2019)
12/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 1/22/2020 (tj) (Entered: 12/10/2019)
01/22/2020	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Chang, William) (Entered: 01/22/2020)
01/22/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 22, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/22/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/22/2020)
01/29/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/22/2020. (tj) (Entered: 01/29/2020)
03/23/2020	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Chang, William) (Entered: 03/23/2020)
03/23/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 29, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/23/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/23/2020)
03/24/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/29/2020. (tj) (Entered: 03/24/2020)

06/29/2020	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. (Chang, William) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/29/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 31, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/29/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/30/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/31/2020. (tj) (Entered: 06/30/2020)